

Business Record**2019 Forty Under 40****Selection Committee****Dear Committee Members:**

With great pleasure I recommend Jennifer Woodley as a most worthy candidate for this year's recognition of Forty Under 40. For more than a decade I have had the opportunity to observe and work with Jennifer throughout her personal and professional growth and achievements. Since I first knew Jennifer through her project management work at the Partnership and Downtown Events Group to recently attaining her PhD from Drake University, I continue to marvel at her drive, passion and commitment to all that she has accomplished, in addition to juggling a demanding role of wife and mother to four.

Jennifer has always had a personal commitment to inclusion and opportunity for all which was the focus of her recent dissertation. She is also working to implement a Jobs program to promote integrated employment in Iowa and lives this mission every day as State Director for Best Buddies International and through her previous role with Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Iowa. To every effort she brings creativity, confidence and visionary impact supported by a boundless amount of stamina and positivity. These skills and talents make her a consummate professional and a great leader.

In her personal time, when she is not supporting her husband's coaching career at Drake or her young children's activities, Jennifer is involved in many volunteer efforts through Special Olympics of Iowa, Central Iowa Shelter Services, Iowa Food Bank and Community Youth Concepts. In addition, her strong passion in education has resulted in a BA, Master of Arts, Master of Arts in Teaching, and PhD in Education and Leadership. And she does all of this while lovingly attending to the ever-present needs of her specially-abled daughter.

Jennifer Woodley is truly an accomplished woman with much more to come. I highly recommend her for the 2019 Forty Under 40 recognition.

Sincerely,



Mary Bontrager